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Hongkong, January 9, 1909. 816

**HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S**  
**SOCIETY.**

INTENDING Applicants for MEMBERSHIP  
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invited to forward their names to the  
Undersecretary for submission to the General  
Committee. The entrance fee is \$5, and  
the ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION \$8.00. Any  
respectable Scotsman is eligible for  
Membership.

DAVID WOOD,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, September 8, 1909. 1132

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,**  
**LIMITED.**

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEET-  
ING of the Shareholders in the above  
Company will be held at the Company's  
Office, on SATURDAY, the 2nd September,  
at Noon, for the purpose of receiving  
the Report of the General Managers, to-  
gether with a Statement of Accounts to the  
30th June, 1909.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 15th to  
25th September, both days inclusive.  
DOUGLAS, LAIPRAI & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, September 9, 1909. 1149

**HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC**  
**ASSOCIATION.**

THE 2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEET-  
ING of the H.K.A.A.A. will  
take place on WEDNESDAY, Sept. 29th,  
at 8.30 p.m., in the Office of Dr. Ferguson,  
Alexandra Buildings.  
Business: To receive the Committee's  
Report and to transact general  
business.  
HERBERT L. O. GARRETT,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, September 22, 1909. 1106

**HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.****NOTICE.**

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of  
MEMBERS of the above Club will  
be held on SATURDAY, the 2nd October,  
1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Office of  
the Jockey Club on the Ground Floor of  
the Hongkong Club Annex, Chester Road.  
By Order,  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, September 18, 1909. 1132

**HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.****NOTICE.**

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING of MEMBERS of the  
above Club will be held on SATURDAY,  
the 2nd October, 1909, at 12.15 p.m., at the  
Office of the Jockey Club on the Ground  
Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chester  
Road, a notice regarding which is  
being sent to each member.  
By Order,  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, September 18, 1909. 1133

**GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.**

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 13th to  
the 25th September, 1909, both days in-  
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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, September 8, 1909. 1136

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Hongkong, August 10, 1909. 1009

**"LITTLE BROWN BROTHER"****American Opinion of the**  
**Filipinos.**

Writing from Manila, Mr. F. J. Has-  
kin, an American journalist, contributes  
the following article to the San Fran-  
cisco Evening Post:—Our little brown  
brother, the Filipino, is the perplexing  
feature of the situation in the Philip-  
pines. Opinions concerning him and  
the matter of his "brotherhood" vary  
widely, while his own opinions of the  
Americans are contradictory and not alto-  
gether complimentary. In Manila the  
great majority of Americans are willing at  
any time to join in the chorus of that  
famous song written by an anonymous  
soldier, declaring:

"He may be a brother of William H.  
Taft."

But he ain't no brother of mine!"  
However, there are other Americans in  
the Philippines, the majority of those con-  
nected with the civil government and with  
the educational work, who praise the  
Filipino unstintingly. One who has listened  
impartially to all sides of this much mooted  
question must inevitably arrive at the con-  
clusion that the difference is altogether in  
the point of view.

The soldier cannot forget, nor can he be  
expected to forget, the fact that the Fili-  
pino insurrecto was a treacherous and cruel  
foe. The massacres and ambushes, the  
pillages and bolos, the atrocious cruelty to  
prisoners and the utter disrespect for the  
rules of civilized warfare which marked the  
military history of the Filipino insurgents  
will never be blotted out from the  
minds of the American soldiers who  
served in the insular campaigns. Nor  
will the present generation of Filipinos  
forget that the American soldiers were  
sometimes tempted to reprisals in kind,  
nor will that generation forget that the  
war, which they charge to American re-  
sponsibility, devastated their lands and  
reduced them to poverty.

**OFFICERS COMPLAINED.**

Therefore one hears the soldiers in the  
Philippines, especially the younger officers,  
complaining bitterly against the civil gov-  
ernment, declaring that the military rule  
was ended two decades too soon, avowing  
that the government is spoiling the Filipino  
by coddling him, and asserting that the  
Filipino will never be good until he is  
dead. This radical view is reflected in the  
conversation of many Manila business men,  
some of whom were formerly in the army.  
The same position is taken by that type of  
man, familiar everywhere, who believes  
that education of the lower classes means  
ruin for the upper classes, he becoming  
himself as one of the chief supporters of the  
"top-side" crowd.

Very few of those who take the radical  
anti-Filipino view are actually acquainted  
with any Filipino except in the capacity  
of servants or enemies in battle. They  
complain that their servants will insist on  
going to night school six times a week, and  
in the same breath say that the Filipino  
doesn't want education and it is a sin to  
waste money on him. The gravamen of  
their complaint, however, is the statement  
which one hears scores of times every day  
in Manila, "The Filipino will not work."

Undoubtedly that complaint may be  
supported by tons of testimony, and yet it  
is not altogether and absolutely justified  
by the facts. The Filipino will not work  
like a Chinese, or a Japanese, or a Hindu.  
He never has made of himself a best of  
burden, and he objects to any effort to  
place him in that class. For centuries,  
while the people of China and Japan  
and India have been tilling the land  
with their own muscles and bearing their  
burdens on their own backs, the Filipinos  
have used cattle to draw their ploughs and  
carts to carry their burdens. It does not  
seem to the Filipino farmer to follow the  
example of the Chinese and hitch his wife  
and daughter to the plough.

**DOES NOT HAVE TO WORK HARD.**

Furthermore, it isn't necessary for the  
Filipino to work very hard. He lives in a  
land where he can obtain practically enough  
to eat from the lavish hand of nature, and  
verging one day a week will supply all of his  
wishes and desires. If an American could  
obtain everything on earth he wished for  
in return for fifty-two days' work in a year,  
how many Americans would work more  
than that? But the American occupation  
is teaching the Filipinos to want more  
things, and as their wants increase they  
must work more to satisfy them. Filipinos  
did not wear shoes in the old days. Dewey's  
guns in Manila lay were the signals for the  
people of the islands to clothe their feet.  
The increase in the use of shoes is enormous,  
and Filipinos must work to get money to  
buy them.

Again, the educated Filipino has been  
absorbing Spanish ideas for many genera-  
tions. From that source he obtained the  
notion that manual labour was disgraceful to  
an educated person. Hence a Filipino  
who could read and write would not soil  
his hands with any work that was not of a  
clerical character. It will require a long  
time to eliminate this notion from the minds  
of the Filipinos. They share it in com-  
mon with the peoples of the Latin na-  
tions of Europe, and with our cousins of  
England. A college-bred man may  
work in a machine shop in the United  
States and nothing will be said of it. But  
it is only in the United States that such a  
condition exists. In time the Filipino  
will be brought to the American idea, per-  
haps. Already the boys and girls in the schools  
have been taught that it is consistent with  
their dignity to carry their own books, and  
to dig in the garden.

**FILIPINO A CHRISTIAN.**

The Filipino is a Christian, and has been  
so for centuries. While he is an Oriental  
in race and habits of life, his mind is con-

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**HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE.**

ENTRIES for the HONGKONG  
CRICKET LEAGUE SHIELD  
COMPETITION, 1909-10, should be sent  
to the Undersecretary on or before SATUR-  
DAY, September 25. Entrance fee \$10.  
A meeting of the League to arrange fixtures  
will be held in the H.K.C.C. Pavilion on  
MONDAY, the 27th September.  
A. O. BRAWN,  
Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.  
Hongkong, September 21, 1909. 1198

**HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.**

THE 23RD ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING will be held on THURS-  
DAY, September 30th, at the Office of  
Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., at  
6.30 p.m.  
Business:—To receive the Report of the  
Committee for the season 1908-1909,  
elect officers for the coming season  
and transact general business.  
HERBERT L. O. GARRETT,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, September 21, 1909. 1191

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Hongkong, September 1, 1909. 734

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Hongkong, May 12, 1909. 638

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**NO. 1, GARDEN ROAD, Kowloon.**

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Hongkong, August 14, 1909. 1023

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KAM FOOK,  
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Hongkong, May 29, 1909. 715

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Hongkong, March 23, 1909. 408

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**STREET.**

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MENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.  
Hongkong, September 1, 1909. 709

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Hongkong, September 4, 1909. 1128

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Hongkong, September 1, 1909. 741

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## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

## Miscellaneous

4 p.m.—Aquatic Sports at V.R.C.

## General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, September 25—

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Cotton

Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co.,

Ld., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s

Office.

Noon—Meeting of Douglas Steamship

Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, at Mr. B. Smith's residence, Com-

mercial Road.

TUESDAY, September 28—

5.15 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Cricket

Club at Club Pavilion.

WEDNESDAY, September 29—

2.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Amate-

ur Athletic Association at the Office of

Dr. Forsyth, Alexandra Buildings.

THURSDAY, September 30—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Lease-

hold Land at Herbert Dent & Co.'s

Office, Shumson, Canton.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Foot-

ball Club at Messrs Jardine, Matheson

& Co.'s Office.

SATURDAY, October 2—

Noon—Meeting of Hongkong Hockey

Club on the ground at Victoria Road.

Club Annex, Chater Road.

THE CHINA MAIL

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPT. 23, 1909.

## THE AMERICAN TARIFF.

According to news which has reached

Manila, President Taft, who is now

making a tour in the Western States,

speaking at Winona, Minnesota, the

other day declared that "the Payne

Tariff bill was the best one yet enacted

by Congress. He praised the spirit in

which the Republicans of all shades of

belief on the tariff view in sacrificing

their personal or sectional desires for

the purpose of maintaining the soli-

darity of the Republican Party."

We suppose President Taft, like

many another democratic ruler before

him, was putting the best face he

possibly could upon this matter when

he gave utterance to these words, for

surely the tariff bill to which he

recently attached his signature must

have fallen very far short of his desires.

Judging from the American papers now

to hand the tariff controversy is still

running very high, even though the new

bill has become law. For the measure

as it stands there is an abundance of

at all events the law does not give the

full relief desired. Thus the Providence

Journal (Ind.) joins at tariff "revision

by its friends," the New York Times

(Ind. Tem.) declares that the net result

shows duties "higher than those of the

Dingley Act"; the St. Louis Republic

(Dem.) denounces the Republican con-

ference for "betraying a sacred trust";

the Brooklyn Citizen (Dem.) speaks of

"revision upward"; the Florida Times-

Union (Dem.) finds in the bill "nothing

for the people"; the Indianapolis Star

(Ind. Rep.) menaces the party in power

with "an awful reckoning," while the

Louisville Courier-Journal (Dem.) ob-

serves metaphorically that the President

"may have saved the halter, but a saved

halter and a stolen horse can afford only

comfort to those who hold up the

halter." On the other hand, the Chi-

cago Evening Post (Ind.) is glad that

the President has "vindicated a prin-

ciple"; the Buffalo Express (Ind. Rep.)

discovers in the bill "an important gain

for the advocates of lower tariff"; the San

Francisco Call (Rep.) holds that Mr.

Taft has shown the way toward more

extensive revision, and the Baltimore

American (Rep.) points out to its readers

the futility of academic discussion, say-

ing that "the actual working of the

tariff will very soon begin to reveal the

advantages that may result to the coun-

try." On the whole the Republican

press is well content to rest the case for

the party on the President's concise

statement of his reasons for signing the

bill.

The President declares, in fact, that

he signed the Payne Tariff Bill be-

cause he believed it to be a sincere

effort on the part of the Republican

party to make a downward revision and

to comply with the promises made dur-

ing the electoral campaign. He then

goes on to acknowledge—

"The bill is not a perfect tariff bill

or a complete compliance with the pro-

visions made, strictly interpreted, but a

fulfillment free from criticism in respect

to a subject matter involving many

schedules and thousands of articles

could not be expected. . . . There

have been a great number of real

decreases in rates, and they constitute

a sufficient amount to justify the statement

that this bill is a substantial downward

revision, and a reduction of excessive

rates. This is not a free-trade bill.

It was not intended to be. . . . The Repu-

blican party did not promise to make a

free-trade bill. It promised to make

the rates protective, but to reduce them

when they exceeded the difference

between the cost of production abroad

and here, making allowance for the

greater normal profit on active invest-

ments here. I believe that while this

excess has not been reduced in a num-

ber of cases, in a great majority, the

rates are such as are necessary to pro-

tect American industries, but are low

enough, in case of abnormal increase of

demand, and raising of prices, to permit

the possibility of the importation of the

foreign article and thus to prevent

excessive prices."

What the Democratic position on the

tariff question is to be in the future is

thus stated by Mr. Bryan's paper, The

Commoner:—"While a few Democratic

members of the House of Representa-

tives and several Democratic Senators

regard the platform, they did not

represent the rank and file of the party

and their apostasy does not change the

attitude of the party. The Democratic

voters are for tariff reform—and will

reform along the lines laid down by

the platform. The people now know

the difference between tariff revision and

tariff reduction, and they want tariff

reduction. Articles coming into com-

petition with trust-made articles should

be put on the free list—that means

among other things, free iron ore. They

should be a material reduction in the

tariff on the necessities of life, especially

on such articles as are sold abroad

more cheaply than at home. No material

age of the farmers raise sheep. As long as

Democrats concede protection to sheep-

growers they can not oppose the protec-

tive principle elsewhere. We must have

free wool if we are to have cheaper cloth-

ing. The people demand reduction on

other necessities of life—on sugar, on

cotton goods, on hardware, machinery,

agricultural implements, etc. The plat-

form also declares for free lumber, free

paper, etc.—these are a part of the people's

fight against injustice. After eliminat-

ing the worst features of the tariff a

systematic plan should be adopted look-

ing toward a gradual reduction—a

revenue basis being the end in view.

A Democratic tariff law should first

eliminate the grosser features of the

present law, then fix a maximum ad-

valorem rate and then provide for a

reduction of a certain per cent. each

year until a revenue basis is reached."

On the whole we gather that the

opinion of the non-partisan papers is

that although the present tariff really

pleases very few people, the recent

revision has not turned out to be quite

such a force as was at first expected,

and that the Republicans have very

cleverly stolen a good deal of the De-

mocrats' thunder.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

H.M.S. Flora has put back to

Colombo, after recommissioning, owing to

a mishap to her boiler tubes. She was 200

miles from Colombo when the tubes burst.

Information has been received from

the Colonial Secretary at Colombo to the

effect that the order under the quarantine

regulations declaring Hongkong to be an

infected port has been revoked.

Penang was visited by such an extra-

ordinary fall of rain on September 15 that

the trains stopped running and the electric

light plant was put out of gear. Enormous

damages were done to the roads.

According to the annual report of the

Astronomer Royal, the identifications of

Halley's comet in the past have been

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